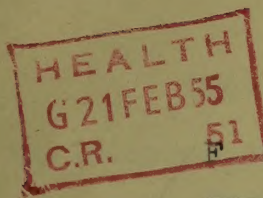


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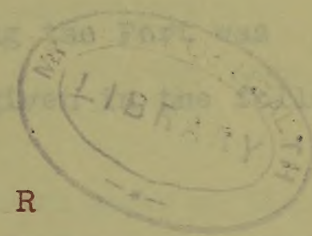
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POW EY P O R T H E A L T H

Sir,

I have the honour A U T H O R I T Y . of the Poway
Port Health Authority to say that

During the year the amount of shipping entering the Port was
1,800 of 384,853 registered tons. Details are given in the following
Table :-



M. O. H.'s R E P O R T F O R

ARRIVALS FROM	No. of vessels inspected	Y E A R 1 9 5 4 .	No. of Insensatory Defects	No. reported to Surveyors	No. with Inf. Cts. on Board
XX					
STEAM	31	42,338	-	12	-
MOTOR	234	31,390	2	2	-
	153	73,818	2	14	-
COASTWISE					
Steam	77	83,082	12	24	-
Motor	354	272,153	23	44	-
	1,041	315,541	35	68	-
GRAND TOTAL	1,800	384,853	37	86	-

F O W E Y .

14/2/55

Sir, The figures quoted above of the number of ships inspected show an increase of 170 ships and 42,934 tons, as compared with the corresponding figures for 1953. It therefore implies that it has been a

I have the honour to submit my Report as M.O.H. of the Fowey Port Health Authority for the year 1954 .

During the year the amount of shipping entering the Port was 1,200 of 388,859 registered tons. Details are given in the following Table :-

ARRIVALS FROM	No. of vessels Inspected	Tonnage	No. of vessels Insanitary	No. of Defects	No. reported to Surveyors	No. with inf. dis. on Board
FOREIGN						
Steam	24	42,328	-	12	-	-
Motor	135	31,290	2	2	-	-
	159	73,618	2	14	-	-
COASTWISE						
Steam	77	83,083	12	24	-	-
Motor	964	232,158	23	44	-	-
	1,041	315,241	35	68	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	1,200	388,859	37	82	-	-

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Table -

The figures quoted above of the number of ships inspected show an increase of 170 ships and 48,934 tons, as compared with the corresponding figures for 1953 . It therefore implies that it has been a very good trading year for the china-clay industry .

The distribution of ships inspected was as follows :-

Fowey & Looe -----	454 ships of 251,428 tons.
"Other harbours" -----	746 ships of 137,431 "

During the year some additional use has been made of the Dock at Charlestown, but the major portion of the "Other Harbour" increase refers to Par.

The floating population of ships inspected was 12,072 persons, comprising :-

Members of crews -----	11,995
Passengers (remaining on board)	45
" (embarking) -----	24
" (landing) -----	7
Stowaways -----	1

Embarkations to the number of 24 occurred during the year, the majority having been to U.S.A. or Canadian ports. Medical inspections were carried out as necessary and re-vaccinations performed where necessary, and International Certificates issued.

Water Supply .

The water for shipping is still supplied from the mains of the local Borough Council and bacteriological examinations have been carried out at regular intervals in order to be assured of the purity of the supply. The Reports were "satisfactory throughout the year.

In the dry months of the year (though these were negligible during 1954) there is always a shortage of water in the Borough. Means to remedy this state of affairs have been (and are) under very earnest consideration by the various parties concerned. The scheme which is awaiting approval involves taking water from the River Fowey above Lostwithiel, pumping it up to a reservoir to be constructed at a high point on the Fowey - Bodmin road, and piping from thence to the Fowey, St. Austell and Par area. However, even when the scheme is finally approved, it will be some considerable time before the area feels the benefit of the scheme.

There are no water boats used in the Port.

Notices served .

A total of 45 informal notices was served during the year calling attention to various nuisances and/or minor structural defects. When necessary owners were communicated with, but, in the majority of instances, the matters complained of were rectified in the Port.

From Jan. 1st '54 the crews of vessels engaged in coasting trade were supplied with bed and bedding under a National Maritime Board agreement. In the main the scheme is working reasonably well and

a considerable improvement in living conditions has been effected. Cases of misuse and lack of appreciation of the value of these amenities have occurred, especially among firemen, on coasting vessels. Difficulties have also arisen from the lack of a proper system of issuing and checking in of bedding, and from the want, in some vessels, of a proper storage place for spare bedding.

Disinfestation.

'Lindane' pellets were used in six vessels for the elimination of cockroaches and seemed to prove very effective for the purpose. One ship required to be treated for bugs in the crew's quarters.

Port Health (Ship's) Regulations. 1952.

Under the above Regulations 92 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during the year, as shown in the following Table:-

Net Tonnage	No. of ships inspected	No. of Deratishn. Certs	No. of Deratishn Exemptn. Certs	Total
Up to 300	897	-	66	66
301-1000	266	-	24	24
1001-3000	15	-	1	1
3001-10,000	22	-	1	1
	1,200	-	92	92

Prevention of Damage by Pests.

11 Rodent Control Certificates were issued during the year to vessels engaged solely in the National Coasting Service.

Rodent Destruction.

On Ships :- The use of 'Warfarin' (.025%) ready-mixed bait has proved very effective on board ships, enabling action to be taken in holds and other places where the use of traps or dangerous poisons would have been impossible owing to the risk of non-recovery.

8 black and 3 brown rats have been recovered from ships.

Infectious disease.

There have been no cases of contagious or infectious disease arising in ships frequenting the Port during the year.

On 14/9/54 the M/V "Netta (Dutch) arrived at Fowey and reported that a sick man had been landed some days previously at Rotterdam, who was subsequently found to be suffering from para-typhoid fever. During the ship's stay the crew were kept under observation. The water tanks were cleaned out and the fresh supplies taken in were chlorinated. No further cases of sickness arose.

Harbours.

The S/S "Table Bay" was fined £25 on 22/2/54 for polluting Fowey Harbour with oil-fuel.

P.H. Shellfish Regulations. 1934 -38.

Fowey Shellfish Ltd.continue to market their oysters in season from the beds in the Fowey River estuary. Reports from the Fish-mongers Company show a 100% standard of cleanliness. In spite of exceptional flood-water and heavy mud deposits over the beds the shell-fish have maintained a good rate of growth during the year.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

William H. King

Surg.Lieut-Cdr. R.N. (ret)

The Minister of Health.

